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COMMENTS INVITED ON PETERBOROUGH'S CORE GROWTH STRATEGY

Residents can comment on Peterborough's future development plans during a six-week 'core strategy' consultation arranged by Peterborough City Council starting on Friday 22 January 2010.

The core strategy document, which was published in January, sets out the proposed scale and location of growth for the next 15 years and beyond across the whole of the city council area, including villages such as Barnack, Bainton, Ufford, Wittering and Wothorpe, near Stamford.

It includes areas of major residential development, such as urban extensions at Great Haddon in the south of the city and at Norwood in the Paston area. It also identifies areas earmarked for major employment schemes, such as a proposed Magna Park rail-freight interchange just east of Stanground

Copies of the core strategy can be viewed at every library in Peterborough, at the city council's Bayard Place offices in Broadway, and online at www.peterborough.gov.uk Just type 'Core Strategy' into the search box on the homepage or go straight to <http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk>

Councillor Piers Croft, cabinet member for strategic planning and growth, said: "The core strategy is an important document because it identifies areas capable of accommodating major growth in a coordinated way to meet Peterborough's future needs.

"The strategy is based on a huge amount of research and we have taken into account all comments received to date. There is now an opportunity for people to submit specific comments that will be forwarded to a planning inspector, who will be appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State to examine the core strategy over the next few months."

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The deadline for comments is Thursday 4 March 2010. Comment forms are available at the same places as the core strategy and they can be downloaded from the website. Comments can also be submitted online through the core strategy web pages, which also give details of the closing date. For more information call the strategic planning team on (01733) 863872.

Ends

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Note to editors:

The core strategy proposes the following locations for residential development:

City centre – Approximately 4,300 homes are proposed in the city centre with development that is not already committed taking place at a range of densities according to location and surroundings.

District centres – Around 1,300 homes are proposed at five district centres of Bretton, Hampton, Millfield, Orton and Werrington to help maintain the vitality of local communities, while supporting the improvement of local services and amenities.

Peterborough urban area – Approximately 4,400 additional homes (including 1,634 homes already committed) are proposed for the existing built-up area of the city of Peterborough, outside the city and district centres.

Hampton – Approximately 4,100 homes expected as part of continuing development.

Stanground South – Planning permission exists for approximately 1,500 homes.

Paston Reserve – Planning permission exists for approximately 1,200 homes.

Urban extensions – Planning applications have been submitted for development of 5,350 new homes, 65 hectares of employment land and other facilities at Great Haddon to the south of Peterborough. The core strategy identifies the Norwood area, near Paston, for an urban extension of approximately 2,300 dwellings.

Villages – Approximately 600 homes will be divided between the two Key Service Centres of Eye/Eye Green and Thorney (including 246 homes already committed). These are two of the largest villages with a range of facilities and capacity for modest expansion.

Limited growth villages – Approximately 450 homes (142 of which are already committed) will be divided between the villages of Ailsworth, Barnack, Castor, Glington, Helpston, Newborough, Northborough and Wittering. The remaining 300 homes will be distributed between Limited Growth Villages taking into account such matters as site availability, development constraints and local primary school capacity.

Small villages – There are no plans for any substantial development at small villages such as Ashton, Bainton, Deeping Gate, Etton, Marholm, Maxey (including Castle End), Peakirk, Pilsgate, Southorpe, Sutton, Thornhaugh, Ufford, Upton, Wansford and Wothorpe. However, around 50 homes are expected in total.